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Enclosed also please find a copy of the International Search Report citing two of these references. The relevance of these two references can be seen from the International Search Report. The English abstracts for the two Japanese Patent Application Publications are also enclosed.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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